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Mr. Richard Helms
Deputy Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Langley, Va.

Dear Mr. Helms:

During the last week, as you are undoubtedly aware, I have written several news stories for the Evening Star concerning the slander suit involving Erik Heine and Juri Raus.

I realize that there are strict limits on what you can say about this case, both because of the requirements of secrecy and because the case is still pending in court. But I would like very much to arrange an interview with you in regard to the broader problems you face in dealing with emigre groups such as the Estonians and attempts by foreign agents to infiltrate these groups.

It would be particularly interesting if you would feel free to talk now about the handling of the case of Artur Hamann who, I understand, represented himself as a vigorous anti-communist but has now returned to Tartu.

You, of course, have to be the judge of what you can say about your work, but I think there are definite advantages to you in giving the American people as clear a picture as possible of the problems you face in their behalf. Enclosed is an account of an interview I had last summer with Richard Bissell, who later described it in a letter to me as "a very fair account of our conversation."

I would be happy to let you read whatever I might write as a result of our interview before it is printed.

Sincerely,

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